

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

May 1, 2012

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PRESENT: Chairman Eldrin Bell, Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph, Commissioner Sonna Singleton, Commissioner Michael Edmondson, Commissioner Gail Hambrick, and Clerk Shelby D. Haywood.

1. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation was led by Rev. Gary Guinn of Kingdom Harvest Christian Fellowship Church in Rex, Georgia. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.
3. Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to amend the agenda by adding a consent agenda item under item #7 (Consider requests of Angela Jackson, Director of Finance) regarding phone requests from Building & Maintenance and Senior Services Departments; holding item #24 (Appointments to the Indigent Defense Panel); and holding item #25 (Appointment to the Circuit Public Defender Supervisory Panel). Clerk Haywood also noted that the Executive Session held tonight pertained to a litigation matter. The agenda was adopted, as amended, as all commissioners had copies before them. Vote unanimous.
4. Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to approve the April 17, 2012 Regular Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous.
5. PROCLAMATION: "May Is National Water Safety Month" (presented by Chairman Eldrin Bell to Parks and Recreation staff; Troy Stubbs, Trey Elder, Justin Blanton, Sam Brewer, Jake Overton {Hydro Mascot}, Sam Davis, and Parks & Recreation Department Director Detrick Stanford).
6. PROCLAMATION: "May Is Older Americans Month" (presented by Chairman Eldrin Bell to Mary Byrd, Director of Senior Services, and staff).

NOTE: Group photos were taken of the honorees for both proclamations. Clerk Haywood read the proclamations for the benefit of the honorees and audience.

7. Angela Jackson, Director of Finance, presented the following items which resulted in these actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on both items at once.)

REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT – SENIOR SERVICES (FYE 6-30-12) 2-29

GENERAL FUND

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:

Operating Transfers Out	101-5336-7510	\$	50,000
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		\$	100,000

DECREASE EXPENSE:

Recreation Program Expense	101-5336-7510	\$	50,000
Recreation Program Expense	101-5337-7510		<u>50,000</u>
		\$	100,000

AGING GRANT FUND

OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:

Operating Transfers In	286-5803-7010-10000-1HR50	\$	100,000
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INCREASE EXPENSE:

Other Contract Service Fees	286-5803-4140-10000-1HR50	\$	100,000
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1) Approved Budget Amendment #2-29/Senior Services/FYE 6-30-12, in the amount of \$100,000.00, to transfer funds from Senior Services in the General Fund to the Aging Grant Fund to help fund aging programs. This budget amendment covers a shortfall created by a reduction of funds from the State. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved a Refund Request – Clean-Up Bond for Terry Nix Equipment Rentals of Tyrone, Georgia, in the amount of \$500.00. Vote unanimous.

3) Approved a request from Building & Maintenance to add one (1) aircard to provide access to county facilities for HVAC control. Vote unanimous.

4) Approved a request from Senior Services to add one smart phone for a management position to assist six (6) divisions within the department. Vote unanimous.

8. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, brought forth one (1) Request to Fill Vacancies list that resulted in the following Board action.

Approved the below-listed positions to be filled in the County:

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POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	SALARY GRADE	SALARY
Communications Dispatcher I (5 pos.)	Police	17	\$32,181.00
Police Officer II	Police	20	\$37,354.00
Code Enforcement Officer	Police	P/T	\$13.03/hour
Office Assistant, Sr.	Senior Services	10	\$22,727.00
Lifeguard	Senior Services	P/T	\$ 7.57/hour
Health & Fitness Coordinator	Senior Services	P/T	\$11.81/hour
Property Tax Technician	Tax Commissioner	13	\$26,380.00
Sheriff Correctional Officer	Sheriff	19	\$35,543.00
Sheriff Services Clerk	Sheriff	P/T	\$ 9.45/hour
Purchasing Tag & Title Specialist	Central Services	14	\$27,724.00
Library Assistant	Library	P/T	\$ 8.35/hour
Sales & Marketing Specialist	Parks & Recreation	18	\$33,820.00
Office Aide (2 positions)	Parks & Recreation	P/T	\$ 8.15/hour
Program Aide (2 positions)	Parks & Recreation	P/T	\$ 7.95/hour
Lifeguard	Parks & Recreation	P/T	\$ 7.57/hour
Help Desk Operator	IT	P/T	\$12.40/hour

Vote unanimous.

9. Approved Ordinance 2012-80, an Ordinance to amend the code of Clayton County, Georgia, as amended, specifically, Code of Clayton County, Georgia, Part II, Chapter 14 "Animals," Article VI "Dangerous Dog Act," by repealing Section 14-137 "Appointment of Dog Control Officer And Animal Control Board" and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 14-137 "Appointment of Dog Control Officer and Animal Control Board"; to repeal conflicting laws, ordinances, and resolutions; to provide severability; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. (NOTE: The general purpose of this ordinance is to reduce the size of the current Animal Control Board from nine [9] to five [5] members and to provide for a quorum consisting of three [3] members.) Vote unanimous.

10. Approved Resolution 2012-81 authorizing Clayton County to amend its Housing Rehabilitation Fund Agreement with Wells Fargo (formerly Wachovia Bank, N.A.); providing for the terms and conditions under which the County will retain funds drawn down from the Community Development Block Grant Program Letter of Credit in lump sum. (NOTE: The purpose of this resolution is to extend the previously authorized draw down of monies for one year in order for the remainder of funds to be expended.) The motion carried 4-0-1. Chairman

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Bell, Vice-Chairman Ralph, Commissioner Singleton, and Commissioner Hambrick voted in favor. Commissioner Edmondson abstained (due to his current employment at Wells Fargo).

11. Approved Resolution 2012-82 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Performance Agreement with Contagious Band providing for the terms and conditions under which live entertainment will be performed at the Clayton County International Park. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved Resolution 2012-83 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program; to accept grant funds (\$20,000.00 with no County match) on behalf of the Clayton County Fire Department and to provide for the terms and conditions under which funds will be utilized. Vote unanimous.

13. Approved Resolution 2012-84 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern Regional Medical Center providing for the terms and conditions under which high quality applied learning experiences will be made available to employees of Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services. Vote unanimous.

14. Approved Resolution 2012-85, a Resolution to provide for the adoption and submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of the Clayton County PY-2012 Annual Action Plan, revisions to the Consolidated Plan; to provide for amendments to the Clayton County PY-2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 Annual Action Plans; to authorize the Chairman to execute any documents required to submit and implement the PY-2012 Annual Action Plan, the Revised Consolidated Plan, and the Amendments to the PY-2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 Annual Action Plans. Vote unanimous.

15. Approved Resolution 2012-86 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), for a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 with no matching County funds. Vote unanimous.

16. Approved Resolution 2012-87 designating the Chief of Police as the person in charge of the Clayton County Firearms Range; to establish fees and rules for the use of the firearms range; to repeal Resolution 2008-50. Vote unanimous.

17. Approved Resolution 2012-88 authorizing Clayton County to accept a forfeited vehicle from Clayton County Police Department Investigations; to authorize the sale of such property in a manner as will be in the best interest of the County; to provide for the disbursement of sale proceeds (2000 BMW 323I). Vote unanimous.

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18. Approved Resolution 2012-89 authorizing the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of Clayton County Juvenile Court, to enter into a revised Memorandum of Understanding with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta to provide mentoring services to juveniles who become involved with the Court and are referred to its mentoring program. Vote unanimous.

19. Approved Resolution 2012-90 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections on behalf of the Clayton County Prison for the care and custody of State inmates. (NOTE: The general purpose of this resolution is to increase the number of inmates who are housed daily at the prison under the agreement.) Vote unanimous.

20. Approved Resolution 2012-91 authorizing Clayton County to participate in the Georgia Electronic Accident Reporting System; to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, and otherwise perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

21. Approved Resolution 2012-92 authorizing the increase in fees for homeowner trash/debris pick-ups by Clayton County Refuse Control at a minimum of \$20.00 and up; to authorize the Chairman to execute all documents necessary and otherwise to perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of the resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. Vote unanimous.

Under the Board's point of order, Chairman Bell thanked Patrick Ejike (Director of Community Development) and Mickie Williams (Administrator of HUD Programs) for their outstanding housing program work upon assuming the duties of W. Frank Newton, Inc. He stated that the Regional Director of HUD had recently expressed appreciation to him for the great progress these two individuals have made and requested that the county send Ms. Williams to Washington, D.C. as an advisor on a national basis for the housing work done in Clayton County. Chairman Bell then recognized the presence of Melissa Chapman, Chief Executive Officer of Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity, in the audience and thanked her for working in conjunction with Ms. Williams to facilitate housing in this county. He also noted that over this past weekend, Fire & EMS Chief Jeff Hood and Assistant Chief Landry Merkison brought

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home awards for the second time during the ACCG Conference for their great county fire service. Clayton County received awards for housing accomplishments as well.

NOTE: Interim County Attorney Jack Hancock requested that the Board hold item #22 (Resolution 2012-93 – Authorizing the County to enter into an Agreement with The Collaborative Firm, LLC, providing terms/conditions under which the Transportation Investment Act will be provided to the general public) until he could receive confirmation from Michael Hightower, Managing Partner of The Collaborative Firm, LLC, that the \$80.00 hourly rate specified in the agreement was correct. The Board generally consented to hold Resolution 2012-93, as requested.

23. The Board held the Appointments to the Administrative Law Panel for Business License Revocation Hearings (as requested by Vice-Chairman Ralph). Vote unanimous.

24. Approved/accepted a street light petition for Normandy Subdivision (Denney Drive and Louis XIV) – District 2/Commissioner Gail Hambrick. Vote unanimous.

25. Approved/accepted a street light petition for Wesley Park Subdivision (Wesley Place, Wellston Court, and Parliament Place) – District 3/Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following persons voiced various comments and concerns as well as made requests before the Board of Commissioners:

1. Carl Swenson – (Open Record Requests)

2. Ken Slagle – (County Hiring, TIA, and T-SPLOST Concerns/Comments)

**** ITEM APPROVED OUT OF AGENDA ORDER:**

Interim County Attorney Jack Hancock told the Board he had just spoken to Mr. Hightower of The Collaborative Firm, LLC and confirmed that the correct rate for work his firm is doing under another agreement is \$85.00 an hour. That rate is also what Mr. Hightower was proposing for the agreement attached to Resolution 2012-93 (with a Maximum Not To Exceed \$19,500.00 for the project), and the County's Legal Office had now inserted that rate in the prepared agreement. Mr. Hancock's presentation of the \$85.00 an hour rate to be included in the agreement resulted in the following Board action:

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**** 22.** Approved Resolution 2012-93 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Agreement with The Collaborative Firm, LLC, providing for the terms and conditions under which information regarding the Transportation Investment Act will be provided to the general public. The motion carried 4-1. Chairman Bell, Vice-Chairman Ralph, Commissioner Singleton, and Commissioner Hambrick voted in favor. Commissioner Edmondson opposed.

Mr. Hancock requested an Executive Session to discuss three (3) litigation matters. The Board generally consented to have an Executive Session regarding the aforementioned subject(s).

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to go into Executive Session in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 7:35 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to go out of Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to reconvene the Regular Business Meeting in the Commissioners' Boardroom at 7:48 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Bell mentioned that the county has considered utilizing the services of Mr. Doug Eaves, who was a powerful and impressive instructor at the recent ACCG Conference in Savannah, Georgia. Per Chairman Bell, the Finance Director (Angela Jackson) and the County Manager (Wade Starr) had already had an opportunity to hear Mr. Eaves but he only knew of him. Mr. Eaves is coming to meet with all of them on Friday, May 4, 2012, so Chairman Bell requested that the Board give them consensus to establish an agreement with Mr. Eaves. Once that agreement has been established, Chairman Bell stated he would bring it back to the Board at the next meeting to ratify what the county is proposing for Mr. Eaves to do. Presently, Mr. Eaves has stated he would charge the county between \$20,000.00 and \$25,000.00 for his services. Chairman Bell promised to negotiate the agreement with Mr. Eaves at the most reasonable cost possible. He reiterated that if the Board gave them the authority, they would exercise it on Friday at 11:00 a.m. and bring the agreement back to the Board on Tuesday for ratification. The Board gave general consensus for Chairman Bell and others to exercise that authority and bring an agreement back to the Board soon.

County Manager Wade Starr clarified what the county would require of Mr. Eaves. He stated that the county has now received a letter from the cities (through representative Attorney Steve Fincher) requesting mediation related to the Service Delivery Agreement/House Bill 489. Under the law, Mr. Starr emphasized that the county or any of the cities can call for negotiations on the

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Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) beginning July 1, 2012. Since Mr. Eaves was so impressive, the county is hoping to contract with him as a consultant to facilitate the Service Delivery Strategy and LOST negotiations. As everyone is aware, there are millions of dollars at stake. The cities have already hired a consultant who has been working for them several months; therefore, it is time for the county to secure assistance to develop a strategy as well.

Chairman Bell asked if there were any questions concerning this request. There were none.

Based on the information presented by Chairman Bell and Mr. Starr regarding Mr. Eaves, the Board gave general consensus for them to proceed with what had been proposed.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of May 1, 2012 at 7:50 p.m. Vote unanimous.